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SUBJECT: W/W: HARRY AST

REF: HONG KONG 8934

1) NOT SURPRISINGLY, ADDITIONAL SNAGS HAVE DEVELOPED IN AST CASE. WHEN VISITED THIRD BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL, HE FLATLY REFUSED TO RETURN TO THE U.S. SAYING HE WANTS TO GO TO INDIA. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO BE AT LIBERTY TO SEEK INDIAN VISA AND HAVE DECIDED TO REPATRIATE HIM TO GUAM. THIS IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NO. 844 LEAVING HERE 1330 WITH SAME DAY ARRIVAL GUAM 2215.

2) IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL DESCRIBED AST AS "COMPLETELY UNCOOPERATIVE" DURING MEETING. GIVEN THIS FRAME OF MIND ON PART AST, WE QUESTION WHETHER HE WILL AGREE TO BOARD FLIGHT TO GUAM. IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL TOO HAS DOUBTS AS TO HIS WILLINGNESS TO PEACEFULLY DEPART. BOTH CONGEN OFFICER AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL AGREE THAT NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FORCE AST TO BOARD FLIGHT.

3) YET ANOTHER COMPLICATION HAS ARISEN IN THAT HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL DOCTOR HAS DECLINED MAKE FLIGHT TO GUAM. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SERVICES OF DOCTOR FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

4) IN ANTICIPATION OF AST'S POSSIBLE ARRIVAL GUAM, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ALERT INS AND USPHS THERE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE USG THAT WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE MATTER.
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